

Fill in this information to identify the case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

Eastern District of Virginia  
(State)

Case number (if known): Chapter 11

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 201

Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

04/20

If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name

Guitar Center Stores, Inc.

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years

Include any assumed names, trade names, and *doing business* as names

Musician's Friend, Inc.; Woodwind & Brasswind, Inc.; Music123, Inc.; American Student Rental, Inc.; LMI®; Giardinelli®; Private Reserve Guitars®; MF Gift Card Company, LLC<sup>1</sup>

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)

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4. Debtor's address

Principal place of business

5795 Lindero Canyon Road  
Number Street

Westlake Village CA 91362  
City State ZIP Code

Los Angeles  
County

Mailing address, if different from principal place of business

Number Street

P.O. Box

City State ZIP Code

Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

5. Debtor's website (URL)

www.guitarcenter.com; www.musiciansfriend.com; www.music123.com; www.wwbw.com

<sup>1</sup> The inclusion of the "Other Names" on this Petition is not an admission of liability or any obligation on behalf of Guitar Center Stores, Inc. or its affiliated debtors. Notwithstanding the use of any of the names on this list, each of Guitar Center Stores, Inc. and its affiliated debtors are separate legal entities.

Debtor Guitar Center Stores, Inc. Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name

**6. Type of debtor**

- ☒ Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))  
☐ Partnership (excluding LLP)  
☐ Other. Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Describe debtor's business***A. Check one:*

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))  
☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))  
☐ Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))  
☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))  
☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))  
☐ Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))  
☒ None of the above

*B. Check all that apply:*

- ☐ Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501)  
☐ Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80a-3)  
☐ Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(a)(11))

*C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes>.*

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**8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?**

A debtor who is a "small business debtor" must check the first sub-box. A debtor as defined in § 1182(1) who elects to proceed under subchapter V of chapter 11 (whether or not the debtor is a "small business debtor") must check the second sub-box.

*Check one:*

- ☐ Chapter 7  
☐ Chapter 9  
☒ Chapter 11. *Check all that apply:*

- ☐ The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D), and its aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,725,625. If this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- ☐ The debtor is a debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1182(1), its aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$7,500,000, **and it chooses to proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11.** If this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return, or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- ☒ A plan is being filed with this petition.
- ☒ Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
- ☐ The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the *Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11* (Official Form 201A) with this form.
- ☐ The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.

☐ Chapter 12

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Name

**9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?**

☒ No

☐ Yes. District \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_ Case number \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_ Case number \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

**10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?**

☐ No

☒ Yes. Debtor See Rider 1 Relationship Affiliate

District Eastern District of Virginia When Date Hereof

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list.

MM / DD / YYYY

Case number, if known \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Why is the case filed in this district?**

Check all that apply:

☐ Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.

☒ A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

**12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention?**

☒ No

☐ Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.

**Why does the property need immediate attention?** (Check all that apply.)

☐ It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.

What is the hazard? \_\_\_\_\_

☐ It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.

☐ It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Where is the property?**

Number \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the property insured?**

☐ No

☐ Yes. Insurance agency \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Statistical and administrative information**

Debtor Guitar Center Stores, Inc. Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

**13. Debtor's estimation of available funds**

Check one:

- ☒ Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.  
☐ After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.

**14. Estimated number of creditors**

(on a consolidated basis)

- |                                  |  |   |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-49    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001-10,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 |  |   |

**15. Estimated assets**

(on a consolidated basis, based on net book value as of 10/3/20)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion                  |

**16. Estimated liabilities**

(on a consolidated basis, based on net book value as of 10/3/20)

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion                  |

**Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures**

**WARNING --** Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**17. Declaration and signature of authorized representative of debtor**

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 11 / 21 / 2020  
MM / DD / YYYY

**X**

/s/ Tim Martin

Signature of authorized representative of debtor

Title Authorized Signatory

Tim Martin

Printed name

Debtor Guitar Center Stores, Inc. Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

**18. Signature of attorney**



/s/ Tyler P. Brown

Date 11 / 21 / 2020  
MM / DD / YYYY

Signature of attorney for debtor

Tyler P. Brown

Printed name

Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Firm name

951 East Byrd Street

Number Street

Richmond

City

VA 23219

State ZIP Code

804-788-8200

Contact phone

tpbrown@huntonak.com

Email address

28072

Bar number

Virginia

State

**Rider 1**

**Pending Bankruptcy Cases Filed by the Debtor and Affiliates of the Debtor**

On the date hereof, the Debtor and each of its affiliated entities listed below (collectively, the “Debtors”), filed petitions in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (this “Court”) for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code. The Debtors will move for joint administration of the cases of each of the Debtors under the case number assigned to the chapter 11 case of Guitar Center, Inc.

- Guitar Center Holdings, Inc.
- Guitar Center, Inc.
- GTRC Services, Inc.
- GC Business Solutions, Inc.
- Guitar Center Gift Card Company, LLC
- Music & Arts Instructor Services, LLC
- AVDG, LLC

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Debtor Name: Guitar Center Stores, Inc.

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia  
(State)

Case Number *(If known)* : \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Offical Form 204

Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 30 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders (Reported on a Consolidated Basis)<sup>1</sup>

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A list of creditors holding the 30 largest unsecured claims must be filed in a Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 case. Include claims which the debtor disputes. Do not include claims by any person or entity who is an insider, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Also, do not include claims by secured creditors, unless the unsecured claim resulting from inadequate collateral value places the creditor among the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims.

Vendor Name	Name, telephone number, and email address of creditor contact	Nature of the Claim	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of claim		
				Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff <sup>2</sup>	Unsecured Claim
1Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB	Patrick J. Healy PHealy@wsfsbank.com 3028887420 500 Delaware Wilmington, DE 19801 Patrick Healy: PHealy@wsfsbank.com Jose Verdejo: JVerdejo@wsfsbank.com Geoffrey Lewis: GLewis@wsfsbank.com Andrew Silverstein: silversteina@sewkis.com John Ashmead: ashmead@sewkis.com	NOTE PAYABLE				379,306,000
2Yamaha Music Corporation	Tom Sumner tsumner@yamaha.com 7142353270 PO BOX 100348. PASADENA, CA 91189-0348	MERCHANDISE				13,098,680
3Fender Corp	Tammy VanDonk tvandonk@fender.com 4804311118 P.O. BOX 743545 LOS ANGELES, CA 90074-3545	MERCHANDISE				10,683,035
4Ningbo Tonwel Audio Equipments Co. Ltd	Yan Jun yanjun@tonwel.com 8613906686923 NO. 60 RENMING MIDROAD JIANGSHAN TOWN NINGBO, CHN 315191	MERCHANDISE				6,671,432
5The Bank Of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	Raymond Torres (213) 630-6175 Raymond.Torres@bnymellon.com 2 N. LASALLE STREET SUITE 700 CHICAGO, IL 60602 David Kerr: david.m.kerr@bnymellon.com Larry Kusch: lawrence.kusch@bnymellon.com Liz Taraila: ETaraila@EMMETMARVIN.COM Edward Zujkowski: EZUJKOWSKI@EMMETMARVIN.COM	NOTE PAYABLE				5,782,000
6Gibson Guitar Corp	Tom Gordon tgordon@gibson.com 8059075895 P.O. BOX 936739 ATLANTA, GA 31193-6739	MERCHANDISE				5,044,945
7Reliance Musical Ltd	Jerry Chen JerryChen@reliancemusical.com 886227368151 P.O. BOX 96-140, TAIPEI 106-3RD FL NO. 175 SEC. 2, AN HO RD. TAIWAN, TW	MERCHANDISE				4,534,067
8Nektar Technology Inc	Zhao Ping zhaopingringway@gmail.com 8188243388 655 N. CENTRAL AVE, 17TH FLOOR GLENDALE, CA 91203	MERCHANDISE				3,745,180

1 The information herein shall not constitute an admission of liability by, nor is it binding on, any Debtors with respect to all or any portion of the claims listed below. Moreover, nothing herein shall affect the Debtors' right to challenge the amount or characterization of any claim at a later date.

2 The Debtors reserve the right to assert setoff and other rights with respect to any of the claims listed herein.

Name

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				Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff <sup>2</sup>	Unsecured Claim
9 Alphatheta Music Americas Inc	Matt Pekmezian matthew.pekmezian@pioneerdj.com 7148518093 2050 W 190TH ST #109 TORRANCE, CA 90504	MERCHANDISE				2,841,982
10 Roland Corp US	Tony Price tony.price@roland.com 4803133781 ATTN: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE P.O. BOX 512959 LOS ANGELES, CA 90051-0959	MERCHANDISE				2,655,000
11 Cf Martin & Co	Mitchell Nollman mnollman@martinguitar.com 5089512780 436 SHARON DR ROCHESTER, NY 14626-1951	MERCHANDISE				2,564,249
12 Bosch Security Systems Inc	Tom Hansen Thomas.Hansen@us.bosch.com 9528875567 33902 TREASURY CENTER CHICAGO, IL 60694-3900	MERCHANDISE				2,409,104
13 Inmusic Brands Inc	Pat Sullivan pat@inmusicbrands.com 4016583131 P.O. BOX 414040 BOSTON, MA 02241-4040	MERCHANDISE				2,407,387
14 Google Inc	Brian Crocker bcrocker@google.com 3104604086 5626 PONDEROSA DR COLUMBUS, OH 43231-3151	MARKETING				2,065,834
15 Taylor Guitars	Keith Brawley keith.brawley@taylorguitars.com 6197298370 P.O. BOX 848999 LOS ANGELES, CA 90084-8999	MERCHANDISE				2,023,377
16 Ernie Ball	Brian Ball brian@ernieball.com 7604490928 P.O. BOX 877. COACHELLA, CA 92236	MERCHANDISE				1,740,066
17 Khs America	Jerry Goldenson jerry.goldenson@khsmusic.com 6155061730 12020 EASTGATE BLVD MT JULIET, TN 37122	MERCHANDISE				1,699,734
18 Marigold Enterprises Ltd	Florance Chan FLORENCE@MARIGOLD.COM.HK 85292888393 ROOM 713-4, TOWER A, HUNG HOM COMM. CTR. 39 MA TAU WAI RD HUNG HOM, -- HONGKONG	MERCHANDISE				1,598,642
19 Korg Usa	Joe Castronovo joec@korgusa.com 5162339716 PO BOX 9675 UNIONDALE, NY 11555-9675	MERCHANDISE				1,534,703
20 Dunlop Manufacturing	Jimi Dunlop reachjimi@me.com 7073309463 ATTN: ACCT. REC. P O BOX 846 BENICIA, CA 94510	MERCHANDISE				1,463,913
21 Shure Incorporated	Abby Kaplan Kaplan_Abby@shure.com 8475337621 P.O.BOX 99265 CHICAGO, IL 60693	MERCHANDISE				1,376,117
22 Drum Workshop Inc	Jim DeStefano jimd@dwdrums.com 8056510099 ATTN: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 3450 LUNAR CT. OXNARD, CA 93030	MERCHANDISE				1,350,145
23 D'Addario & Company Inc	John D'Addario jd3@daddario.com 5162366372 P.O. BOX 27910 NEW YORK, NY 10087-7910	MERCHANDISE				1,329,411



Name

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				Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff <sup>2</sup>	Unsecured Claim
24 Jbl Professional	Mike Schoen Mike.Schoen@harman.com 8188953350 PO BOX 4438 CHURCH STREET STATION NEW YORK, NY 10261-4438	MERCHANDISE				1,133,617
25 S&H - Hzsamko Technologies Coltd	Steve Shi hzsamko@gmail.com NO. 8 JIAQI ROAD XIANLIN TOWN YUHANing DISTRICT HANGZHOU, CHN 311122	MERCHANDISE				1,108,568
26 Dragon Audio Industrial Limited	Ricardo Gong riccardogong@yahoo.com 6F, BUILDING 6TH, HONGFA HI-TECH INDUSTRIAL PARK NO.1152 NANHUAN AVENUE, GUANGMING DISTRICT SHENZHEN CHN 518132	MERCHANDISE				1,056,732
27 Schecter Guitar Research	Michael Ciravolo michael@schecterguitars.com 8187315760 10953 PENDLETON ST SUN VALLEY, CA 91352	MERCHANDISE				1,033,379
28 Ace Products Group	Alan Poster APosterACE@aol.com 9167997389 3920 CYPRESS DR, SUITE B PETALUMA, CA 94954	MERCHANDISE				1,032,616
29 Guangzhou Bourgade Musical Instruments	Jocelin Zhoung JOCELIN@BAOJIAMUSIC.COM 17/F N TOWER SUNTEC PLAZA #197 GUANGZHOU DADAO AV. N. DONGSHAN DIST. GUANGZHOU CHN 510075	MERCHANDISE				1,014,044
30 Yamaha Guitar Group	Steve Bartkoski sbartkoski@line6.com 6263539459 DBA LINE 6 INC. P.O. BOX 847028 LOS ANGELES, CA 90084	MERCHANDISE				913,103

**OMNIBUS UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT  
OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND SOLE MEMBERS**

**November 19, 2020**

The undersigned, being all of the members of the boards of directors or the sole member (each, a “Governing Body”), as applicable, of each of the entities listed on Annex I (each, a “Company” and, collectively, the “Companies”), acting pursuant to the applicable organizational documents of the Companies, approve and adopt the following resolutions:

**I. Chapter 11 Filing**

WHEREAS, reference is made to the Restructuring Support Agreement, dated as of November 13, 2020 (the “Restructuring Support Agreement”), previously approved by the Governing Bodies, by and among the Companies and the Support Parties (as defined in the Restructuring Support Agreement) pursuant to which the Companies and Support Parties agreed to consummate certain restructuring and recapitalization transactions with respect to the Companies’ capital structure (the “Restructuring Transactions”); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the consummation of the Restructuring Transactions, the Governing Body of each Company deems it is advisable and in the best interests of such Company, after considering the interests of its creditors and other parties in interest, that such Company file a voluntary petition for relief (the “Chapter 11 Case”) under the provisions of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the bankruptcy court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “Bankruptcy Court”) and/or any other petition for relief or recognition or other order that may be desirable under applicable law in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that each Company shall be, and is, in all respects, authorized to file, or cause to be filed, the Chapter 11 Case in the Bankruptcy Court and/or file or cause to be filed any other petition for relief or recognition or other order in connection with the Restructuring Transactions;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any of the Authorized Signatories, acting alone or with one or more other Authorized Signatories be, and they are, authorized, empowered and directed to execute and file on behalf of each Company all petitions, schedules, lists and other motions, papers or documents and to take any and all action that they deem necessary or proper to obtain such relief, including, without limitation, any action necessary to maintain the ordinary course operation of such Company’s business;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the Companies is authorized to pay, or cause to be paid, all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Restructuring Transactions, including, but not limited to, the Chapter 11 Case and the transactions contemplated thereby, and all fees and expenses appropriate in order to effectuate the purposes and intent of the Restructuring Transactions, the Chapter 11 Case and these resolutions; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any of the Authorized Signatories, acting alone or with one or more other Authorized Signatories be, and they are, authorized, empowered and directed, in the name and on behalf of each Company, to take all action to notify, or to obtain any authorizations, consents, waivers or approvals of, any third party that such Authorized Signatory deems necessary, appropriate or advisable in order to carry out the Restructuring Transactions, including, but not limited to, the terms and provisions of the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Chapter 11 Case and the transactions contemplated by the Restructuring Support Agreement and the Chapter 11 Case.

## II. Debtor-In-Possession Financing, Use of Cash Collateral and Adequate Protection

WHEREAS, each Governing Body has been presented with (i) a draft of the Senior Secured Super-Priority Priming Debtor-In-Possession Credit Agreement (together with all exhibits, schedules, and annexes thereto, as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Term DIP Credit Agreement”), to be entered into among Guitar Center, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Borrower”), the facility guarantors party thereto, the lenders party thereto (the “Term DIP Lenders”) and Delaware Trust Company, as administrative agent and collateral agent (the “Term DIP Agent”), and (ii) a draft of the Senior Secured, Super-Priority Debtor-In-Possession Credit Agreement (together with all exhibits, schedules, and annexes thereto, as amended, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the “ABL DIP Credit Agreement”, and together with the Term DIP Credit Agreement, the “DIP Credit Agreements”), to be entered into among Borrower, the facility guarantors party thereto, the lenders party thereto (the “ABL DIP Lenders”, and together with the Term DIP Lender, the “DIP Lenders”) and Wells Fargo, National Association, as the administrative agent and the collateral agent (the “ABL DIP Agent”, and together with the Term DIP Agent, the “Agents”);

WHEREAS, the obligation of the DIP Lenders to make certain extensions of credit is subject to the Borrower and each other facility guarantor having satisfied certain conditions described in the DIP Credit Agreements;

WHEREAS, Management and the Advisors have negotiated the terms of the DIP Credit Agreements, the key terms of which have been discussed with each Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, each Governing Body has determined that the transactions contemplated by the DIP Credit Agreements are in the best interest of each Company and that it is in the best interest of such Company to (i) execute and deliver the DIP Credit Agreements and any other document or agreement to which it is contemplated to become a party pursuant to the DIP Credit Agreements and the DIP Loan Documents (as defined below) and (ii) authorize the Authorized Signatories of the each such Company to take any and all actions as any such Authorized Signatory may deem appropriate to effect the transactions contemplated by the DIP Credit Agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to use and obtain the benefits of (a) the DIP Documents and (b) the cash collateral, as that term is defined in section 363(a) of the Bankruptcy Code (the “Cash Collateral”) and in accordance with section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, each Company will grant certain liens and claims, and provide Adequate Protection (as defined in the DIP Facility Term Sheet, the “Adequate Protection Obligations”) to certain secured parties and to the DIP Lenders to secured the obligations of the Companies under the DIP Credit Agreements (collectively, the “DIP Obligations”) as documented in a proposed order in interim and final form (together, the “DIP Orders”) and submitted for approval to the Bankruptcy Court;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Company, as a debtor and a debtor in possession under the Bankruptcy Code be, and is, authorized to incur the Adequate Protection Obligations, and to undertake any and all related transactions on substantially the same terms as contemplated under the DIP Loan Documents (collectively, the “DIP Transactions”), including granting liens on its assets to secure such obligations;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form, terms and provisions of the DIP Credit Agreements, the DIP Orders, and the form, terms and provisions of each of the instruments and documents listed below to which each Company is or will be a party (collectively with the DIP Credit Agreements and the DIP Orders, the “DIP Loan Documents”), be, and hereby are, in all respects approved; and further resolved, that each Company’s performance of its DIP Obligations under the DIP Credit Agreements and the other DIP Loan Documents, including the borrowings thereunder, the guaranteeing of the obligations of the other

Companies and the grant of a security interest in the assets of such Company, if applicable, be, and hereby are, in all respects, approved; and further resolved, that each of the Authorized Signatories, acting alone or with one or more other Authorized Signatories be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to execute, negotiate and deliver (including by facsimile, electronic, or comparable method) the DIP Credit Agreements, the DIP Orders, each of the other DIP Loan Documents, and each of the instruments and documents contemplated thereby, in the name and on behalf of such Company, on behalf of itself or its subsidiaries, as applicable, under its corporate seal or otherwise, with such changes therein as shall be approved by the Authorized Signatory executing the same, with such execution by said Authorized Signatory to constitute conclusive evidence of his or her approval of the terms thereof, including any departures therein from the form presented to the Governing Body of each Company:

- (a) the DIP Credit Agreements;
- (b) the Security Agreements; and
- (c) such other documents, instruments, certificates, petitions, motions and other papers as may be reasonably requested by the Agents, required by the DIP Orders or contemplated by the DIP Credit Agreements or any other DIP Loan Document;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Company will obtain benefits from (a) the use of collateral, including Cash Collateral, which is security for the secured parties under the ABL DIP Credit Agreement, and (b) the incurrence of debtor-in-possession financing obligations pursuant to the DIP Credit Agreements and other DIP Loan Documents or arising from each DIP Order, which are necessary and convenient to the conduct, promotion and attainment of the business of such Company;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the granting of security interests by each applicable Company in all property now or hereafter owned by such Company as contemplated by the DIP Credit Agreements, the DIP Orders, the other DIP Loan Documents and any other agreements, documents or filings that the Agents determine are necessary, appropriate, or desirable pursuant to the terms of the DIP Loan Documents be, and are, in all respects, authorized and approved;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories of the Companies is authorized and empowered in the name of, and on behalf of, the Companies to file or to authorize the Agent to file any Uniform Commercial Code (the "UCC") financing statements, any other equivalent filings, any intellectual property filings and recordation and any necessary assignments for security or other documents in the name of the Companies that the Agents deem necessary or appropriate to perfect any lien or security interest granted under the DIP Orders and the DIP Loan Documents, including any such UCC financing statement containing a generic description of collateral, such as "all assets," "all property now or hereafter acquired" and other similar descriptions of like import, and to execute and deliver, and to record or authorize the recording of, such mortgages and deeds of trust in respect of real property of the Companies and such other filings in respect of intellectual and other property of the Companies, in each case as the Agents may reasonably request to perfect the security interests of the Agents under the DIP Orders;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Signatories of each Company, acting alone or with one or more other Authorized Signatories, be, and each of them is, authorized, directed, and empowered in the name and on behalf of each applicable Company, as debtors and debtors in possession, to guarantee the DIP Obligations under the DIP Credit Agreements, the DIP Orders and the other DIP Loan Documents on behalf of itself or on behalf of its subsidiaries, as applicable, to assign, transfer, pledge, and grant, or to continue to assign, transfer, pledge, and grant, to the Agents, for the ratable benefit of the respective or applicable Secured Parties, a security interest in all or substantially all the assets of each Company, as collateral security for the prompt and complete payment and performance when due of the DIP Obligations

under the DIP Credit Agreements, the DIP Orders, and the other DIP Loan Documents to which each Company is a party and to take or cause to be taken any such actions as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to cause each such Company to create, perfect and maintain a security interest in each of its respective property or assets constituting Collateral as described or contemplated in the DIP Loan Documents;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories be, and is, authorized and empowered to take all such further actions including, without limitation, to pay all fees and expenses in accordance with the terms of the DIP Loan Documents, to arrange for and enter into supplemental agreements, instruments, certificates, or documents relating to the transactions contemplated by the DIP Credit Agreements, the DIP Orders or any of the DIP Loan Documents and to execute and deliver all such supplemental agreements, instruments, certificates, or documents in the name and on behalf of such Company under its corporate seal or otherwise, which shall in their sole judgment be necessary, proper, or advisable in order to perform such Company's DIP Obligations under or in connection with the DIP Credit Agreements, the DIP Orders, or any of the DIP Loan Documents and the transactions contemplated by the DIP Loan Documents, and to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing resolutions, in such form and with such terms as shall be approved by the Authorized Signatory executing the same, with such execution by said Authorized Signatory to constitute conclusive evidence of his or her approval of the terms thereof;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories be, and is, authorized and empowered to execute and deliver any amendments, amendment and restatements, supplements, modifications, renewals, replacements, consolidations, substitutions, and extensions of the DIP Credit Agreements, the DIP Orders, or any of the DIP Loan Documents that shall, in their sole judgment, be necessary, proper, or advisable, in such form and with such terms as shall be approved by the Authorized Signatory executing the same, with such execution by said Authorized Signatory to constitute conclusive evidence of his or her approval of the terms thereof;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that for all transactions authorized above, the Authorized Signatories are authorized to open an account or accounts with such third parties as they deem necessary or desirable for the purpose of engaging in such transactions, and the other party to such transactions is authorized to act upon any verbal or written orders and instructions from the Authorized Signatories in connection with such accounts and transactions;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories of each Company be, and is, authorized and empowered to take all actions or to not take any action in the name of any Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by these resolutions as the sole shareholder, partner, general partner, sole member, member, managing member, sole manager, manager, or director of each applicable subsidiary of any such Company, if any, whether existing now or in the future, in each case, as such Authorized Signatory shall deem necessary or desirable, including, without limitation, the authorization of resolutions and agreements necessary to authorize the execution, delivery, and performance pursuant to the DIP Loan Documents (including, without limitation, certificates, affidavits, financing statements, notices, reaffirmations, and amendments and restatements thereof or relating thereto) as may be necessary, appropriate, or convenient to effectuate the purposes of the transactions contemplated in this written consent. The performance of any such further act or thing and the execution of any such document or instrument by any of the Authorized Signatories of such Company pursuant to these resolutions shall be conclusive evidence that the same have been authorized and approved by such Company in every respect;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts and actions taken by the Authorized Signatories prior to the date of this written consent with respect to the transactions contemplated by the DIP Credit Agreements, the DIP Orders or any of the DIP Loan Documents be, and are, in all respects confirmed, approved, and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of any Authorized Signatory of such Company shall be conclusive evidence of the authority of such Authorized Signatory to execute and deliver the documents to which such Company is a party. The authority granted in this written consent shall apply with equal force and effect to any successors-in-office of the Authorized Signatories identified in this written consent; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all capitalized terms used in the resolutions under this “**Section II Debtor-In-Possession Financing, Use of Cash Collateral and Adequate Protection**” and not otherwise defined in this written consent shall have the meanings given to such terms in the DIP Credit Agreements, as applicable.

### **III. Retention of Professionals.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that each of the Authorized Signatories be, and they are, authorized and directed to employ the following professionals on behalf of each such Company: (i) the law firm of Milbank LLP, as general bankruptcy counsel, (ii) the law firm of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, as local bankruptcy counsel, (iii) Houlihan Lokey, Inc., as restructuring advisor, (iv) Berkeley Research Group, LLC, as operational and financial advisor, (v) Prime Clerk LLC, as notice and claims agent, (vi) UBS Securities LLC, as sole and exclusive lead underwriter, placement agent or initial purchaser and bookrunner with respect to the expected issuance of new senior secured notes in the Restructuring Transactions, (vii) Lyons, Benenson & Company Inc., as compensation consultant and advisor, and (viii) any other legal counsels, accountants, financial advisors, restructuring advisors or other professionals the Authorized Signatories deem necessary, appropriate or advisable; each to represent and assist each such Company in carrying out its duties and responsibilities and exercising its rights under the Bankruptcy Code and applicable law (including, but not limited to, the law firms filing any pleadings and responses); and in connection therewith, each of the Authorized Signatories be, and is authorized, empowered and directed, in accordance with the terms and conditions of these resolutions, to execute appropriate retention agreements and to cause to be filed appropriate applications for authority to reach such services; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts and deeds previously performed by any of the officers of the Authorized Signatories, as may be applicable, prior to the adoption of the foregoing recitals and resolutions that are within the authority conferred by the foregoing recitals and resolutions, are ratified, confirmed and approved in all respects as the authorized acts and deeds of the Authorized Signatories, as the case may be.

### **IV. General**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in addition to the specific authorizations conferred upon the Authorized Signatories by the foregoing resolutions, each of the Authorized Signatories (and their designees and delegates) be, and they are, authorized and empowered, in the name of and on behalf of each such Company, to take or cause to be taken any and all such other and further action to: execute, acknowledge, deliver, and file any and all such agreements, certificates, instruments, and other documents; and pay all expenses, including but not limited to filing fees, in each case as in such officer's or officers' judgment, shall be necessary, advisable, or desirable to fully carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the resolutions adopted in this consent;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each Governing Body has received sufficient notice of the actions and transactions relating to the matters contemplated by the foregoing resolutions, as may be required by the organizational documents of each such Company, or waive any right to have received such notice;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all acts, actions and transactions relating to the matters contemplated by the foregoing resolutions done in the name of and on behalf of each such Company, which acts would have been approved by the foregoing resolutions except that such acts were taken before the adoption of

these resolutions, are in all respects approved and ratified as the true acts and deeds of each such Company with the same force and effect as if each such act, transaction, agreement or certificate has been specifically authorized in advance by resolution of each such Governing Body; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories (and their designees and delegates) be and is authorized and empowered to take all actions or to not take any action in the name of each such Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by the foregoing resolutions, as such Authorized Signatory shall deem necessary or desirable in such Authorized Signatory's reasonable judgment as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of the transactions contemplated in this consent.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has executed this consent as of the date first written above.

**GUITAR CENTER HOLDINGS, INC.  
GUITAR CENTER, INC.**

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**AVDG, LLC**, by its sole member, GC Business Solutions, Inc.

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By:

Name:

Michael Pendleton

Title:

General Counsel and Secretary

**GUITAR CENTER GIFT CARD COMPANY,  
LLC,  
MUSIC & ARTS INSTRUCTOR SERVICES,  
LLC,**

by its sole member, Guitar Center Stores, Inc.

By:  
Name: Michael Pendleton  
Title: General Counsel and Secretary

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**ANNEX I**

1. GUITAR CENTER HOLDINGS, INC.
2. GUITAR CENTER, INC.
3. GUITAR CENTER STORES, INC.
4. GTRC SERVICES, INC.
5. GC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, INC.
6. AVDG, LLC
7. GUITAR CENTER GIFT CARD COMPANY, LLC
8. MUSIC & ARTS INSTRUCTOR SERVICES, LLC

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
	)	
GUITAR CENTER STORES, INC.,	)	Case No. 20- _____ ( )
	)	
Debtor.	)	
	)	

**LIST OF EQUITY SECURITY HOLDERS**

Equity Holders (Type of Holding)	Address of Equity Holder	Class / Kind of Interest	Percentage of Equity Held
Guitar Center, Inc.	5795 Lindero Canyon Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91362	Common Stock	100%

**100%IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
	)	
GUITAR CENTER STORES, INC.,	)	Case No. 20- _____ (___)
	)	
Debtor.	)	
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**CORPORATE OWNERSHIP STATEMENT**

Pursuant to rules 1007(a)(1) and 7007.1 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the following are corporations, other than a government unit, that directly or indirectly own 10% or more of any class of the equity interests of the Debtor and its affiliated debtors (collectively, the “Debtors”):

Guitar Center Holdings, Inc. is the direct or indirect parent of each of the other Debtors. Ares PE Extended Value Fund LP owns 97.5% of the interests<sup>1</sup> in Guitar Center Holdings, Inc.

Guitar Center Holdings, Inc. holds 100% of the interests in Guitar Center, Inc.

Guitar Center, Inc. holds 100% of the interests in each of Guitar Center Stores, Inc., GTRC Services, Inc., and GC Business Solutions, Inc.

Guitar Center Stores, Inc. holds 100% of the interests in each of Guitar Center Gift Card Company, LLC and Music & Arts Instructor Services, LLC.

GC Business Solutions, Inc. holds 100% of the interests in AVDG, LLC.

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<sup>1</sup> Without giving effect to issued and outstanding warrants and options.

Fill in this information to identify the case and this filing:

Debtor Name Guitar Center Stores, Inc.  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Eastern District of Virginia  
(State)  
Case number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Official Form 202

**Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors**

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An individual who is authorized to act on behalf of a non-individual debtor, such as a corporation or partnership, must sign and submit this form for the schedules of assets and liabilities, any other document that requires a declaration that is not included in the document, and any amendments of those documents. This form must state the individual's position or relationship to the debtor, the identity of the document, and the date. Bankruptcy Rules 1008 and 9011.

**WARNING -- Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.**

**Declaration and signature**

I am the president, another officer, or an authorized agent of the corporation; a member or an authorized agent of the partnership; or another individual serving as a representative of the debtor in this case.

I have examined the information in the documents checked below and I have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct:

- ☐ *Schedule A/B: Assets—Real and Personal Property* (Official Form 206A/B)
- ☐ *Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property* (Official Form 206D)
- ☐ *Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims* (Official Form 206E/F)
- ☐ *Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases* (Official Form 206G)
- ☐ *Schedule H: Codebtors* (Official Form 206H)
- ☐ *Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals* (Official Form 206Sum)
- ☐ Amended Schedule \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ *Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 30 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders* (Official Form 204)
- ☒ Other document that requires a declaration List of Equity Security Holders and Corporate Ownership Statement.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 11 / 21 / 2020  
MM / DD / YYYY

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/s/ Tim Martin

Signature of individual signing on behalf of debtor

Tim Martin

Printed name

Authorized Signatory

Position or relationship to debtor